

REMARKS

The patentees believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentees claiming less than they had a right to claim in the patent. Specifically, the patentees failed to claim a particular embodiment wherein the medicament is administered, in at least one of the plurality of doses, to the patient topically with a carrier (claim 16). Additionally, claim 17 is directed to the still more specific embodiment wherein the carrier is a stent. Claim 18 recites that the unspecified halogen in the active agent of the medicament administered in the method of claim 16 is chlorine.

Applicants' original patent was partly inoperative in that the patentees claimed less than they had a right to claim in the patent. The instant amendment rectifies that error. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment and reissue of the instant patent.

Applicants also wish to take this opportunity to correct a typographical error in claim 2. Claim 2 presently recites the limitation "wherein Y is chlonine." This apparently arose as an error in printing the issued patent. As discussed above, there is ample support in the specification supporting the correction such that the claim recites "chlorine" rather than --chlonine--.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the patentees/reissue applicants respectfully submit that the patent is wholly or partly inoperative by reason of the patentees claiming less than they had a right to claim in the patent, that the entry of this amendment would rectify that defect, and that reissue of the instant patent is in order.

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